Philosophy & Science • The Society for Process Thought • Spring Programme 1991

Mind in the Cosmos

Two open forums in London • Two Saturdays 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

Open Forum • Saturday 2 March

Regent Square United Reformed Church, Tavistock Place, London WC1 7 minutes Kings Cross and Russell Square tube stations

The Quest For Ultimate Explanation

10.30 for 10.45 am - 12.30 pm On the subject of his forthcoming book

Theories of Everything: The Quest for Ultimate Explanation

(Oxford University Press, April 1991)

JOHN BARROW

Professor of Astronomy, University of Sussex

2.00 - 4.00 pm "The Limits of Science" Physics and metaphysics; New Age thinking... MICHAEL REDHEAD

Professor and Head of Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

During the afternoon discussion both speakers will be on the platform. Coffee and sandwiches obtainable at the church hall; bookstall

Open Forum • Saturday 16 March

St. James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, W1

Can Scientists Believe?

10.30 for 10.45 am - 12.30 pm

The editor introduces essays by fifteen scientists from America, Britain, Germany, Greece and Russia

Can Scientists Believe?

(James & James, January 1991)

SIR NEVILL MOTT, FRS

Nobel Laureate for Physics, 1977 Emeritus Cavendish Professor, University of Cambridge Seconded by

DAVID BARTHOLOMEW

Professor of Statistics and Pro-Director, London School of Economics Himself a contributor; author, God of Chance 2.00 - 4.00 pm Response and discussion

SIR HERMANN BONDI, KCB, FRS, FRAS

Master of Churchill College, Cambridge, 1983 - 1990 President, British Humanist Association; President, Rationalist Press Association Coffee, lunch and tea obtainable at the Wren Cafe: bookstall

Analysis is not enough. The Society for Process Thought, in seeking to focus public attention on the central issues of life, reiterates the classical concerns of philosophy, to see life whole and to live it well.

In its Open Seminars, the Society reflects current thinking in the realist tradition of C.S. Peirce, A.N. Whitehead, and Charles Hartshorne. Whitehead is still best-remembered in Britain for his collaboration with his former pupil, Bertrand Russell, on Principia Mathematica. Starting from a base in science and mathematics, he developed into the last major English systematic thinker, but by then he was living and working in America, as Professor of Philosophy at Harvard. His in part difficult Process and Reality has been re-edited; more readily accessible are Science and the Modern World and Adventures of Ideas. There are centres for Process Studies in America and on the Continent.

In its Open Forums, held four times a year in London, the Society invites leading figures in a particular field to open up their subject with other experts in the same field, experts in other fields. and members of the general public. While we try to reflect fairly differences among authorities,

these are not debates but attempts to come closer to truth in a spirit of friendly enquiry. Further to inform and stimulate, booklists and material supplementary to the lectures are often provided.

Tickets for each meeting: \$ 5 (\$ 3 unwaged) at the door

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